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SUBJ: KIDNAPPING OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN: GUSTAVO CURTIS

SITREP 22

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1. ADAMS-DALE DEPARTED BOGOTA LAST WEEK FOR ANOTHER BRIEF TRIP TO LONDON. JOE SMITH ARRIVED TO FILL IN FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS.

2. SMITH REPORTED THAT THERE HAD RECENTLY BEEN FUTHER TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH THE KIDNAPPERS. EACH SIDE REITERATED ITS PREVIOUS POSITION REGARDING THE RANSOM AND TERMED THE OTHER'S POSITION AS UNREALISTIC. FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE KIDNAPPERS MADE VAGUE THREATENING REMARKS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SOMETHING HAPPENING TO CURTIS. SMITH ADDED THAT THROUGHOUT THE EXCHANGES WITH THE KIDNAPPERS SO FAR, THE LATTER HAVE NEVER SAID ANYTHING THAT HAD AN IDEOLOGICAL FLAVOR. SMITH CONFIED TO DCM THAT HE EXPECTS THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR CURTIS' RELEASE TO BE A LONG, DRAWN OUT AFFAIR.
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